



# PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING

OF THE

## FULTON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Embracing the Report of Dr. T. S. Powell, as a Delegate to the late Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association; together with the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the action of the Georgia Medical Association.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA,

OFFICE FULTON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Society, held June 17th, 1870, after the transaction of the regular business, Dr. E. J. Roach introduced a resolution, which was unanimously agreed to, requesting Dr. T. S. Powell to read his Report upon the proceedings of the American Medical Association, to which he was a delegate from the Georgia Medical Association, and which report, he had prepared at the request of the Society.

Dr. Powell then submitted the following Report:

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Fulton County Medical Society:* Having attended the recent session of the American Medical Association as a delegate from the State Association of Georgia, and having been appointed to represent the interests of this Society in that body, and having been requested to submit the results of its action, as well as such observation deemed of value, which may have been suggested by such action, I beg leave to submit the following report.

The Association was called to order by the President elect, Dr. Mendenhall. The style and substance of his inaugural address are so striking and important, that I must ask the privilege of speaking of it more particularly, when I come to notice the new thoughts and facts brought out by this meeting—and it would hardly be in order or in taste, to speak at all of the opening scene without saying, that of course W. B. Atkinson, of Philadelphia, the permanent Secretary, was there with his cheerful and obliging manner, ready and prompt in the discharge of every duty.

The first business of importance was the majority and minority reports from the Committee on Credentials. The majority report excluded delegates from the National Medical Society of the District of Columbia, American Academy of Medicine of the District of Columbia, Howard University Medical College, Alumni Association of the Medical Department of Georgetown College; also the three city Hospitals.

It appeared from the discussion and the facts stated by Dr. Johnson, the President of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, and which were undisputed, that Congress had chartered that Society over which he presided, prescribing as one of its duties, that it should license any person to practice medicine in the District who should present a Diploma from a legal and regularly organized and recognized Institution, and upon examination should be found well qualified.

Two colored men applied for license, and having made a satisfactory showing, were licensed in obedience to that injunction of the charter. These colored men afterwards applied for membership of that Society or Association, and they were rejected.

The power to receive or reject at discretion being clearly given to the Society in its charter. Thereupon a number of the members of the Society, without withdrawing from it, organized another Society called the National Medical Society. In the papers submitted to the Committee on Ethics, it was made evident that this new Society, not only recognized, and received as members these colored men, but men who were neither licentiates or graduates, which was a direct violation of the Ethics and Charter of the old Medical Society to which many members of the new Medical Society had subscribed and had never withdrawn, and further, the Committee also stated that it was fully proved by the members of the National Medical Society themselves, who appeared voluntarily before your Committee as witnesses, that the new Society, known as the National Medical Society, of the District of Columbia, had in its capacity as a Society, and by its individual members misrepresented the action of the Medical Society, and the Medical Association of the District of Columbia, and used unfair and dishonorable means to procure the destruction of the same by inducing Congress to abrogate their Charter.

The Committee on Ethics to whom these reports from the Committee on Credentials were referred, reported that the charges lodged with the Committee of Arrangements against the eligibility of the National Medical Society of the District of Columbia, have been so far sustained by abundant proof, and recommended that no member of that Society be received as a delegate at the present meeting of this Association, which recommendation was adopted by a very large majority, which of course, excluded all other delegates, no matter from what other organization they might have presented credentials, provided they were members of this National Medical Society that had been refused representation on Ethical and moral grounds, and not color. These facts show that though an individual may be a member of a regular society, yet when this individual becomes a member of another society or institution that is repudiated, or when he affiliates with men who are not recognized by the profession, it then becomes the duty of his Society to relieve itself from the reproach by the expulsion of the member or members who are guilty of these unprofessional affiliations. The adoption of the report by Dr. Stille on Ethics fully endorses this principle.

Delegates from one or more local Societies in Massachusetts, charged other Societies of that State, whose delegates were there present with affiliating with individuals who were in the habit of consulting, and otherwise recognizing as regular Physicians, persons or Practitioners, who were not recognized as regular by the American Medical Association, and by well organized State and local Societies—Societies recognizing the Ethics of the Profession. They charged that some members of these Societies, recognized by the American Association as good and legal representatives, were accustomed to consult with Homeopaths, and other irregular practitioners, and still maintain their connection with their local or Home Society. These charges were referred to a special Committee on Ethics, which reported back these cases to the Association with recommendation that all local Societies and State organizations must relieve themselves of all connection, or affiliation with persons or organizations against which any charges of irregularity or unprofessional conduct may have been proven. Thus adopting the regulation that no question involving the moral character or professional standing of a delegate shall be considered or discussed by this Association, except upon appeal from the decision of some State or Local Society. All such questions must be investigated and decided in the first instance by the authority, or organization having primary jurisdiction. And the opinion was clearly expressed in this report, that where Societies or Associations, after notice of charges of irregularity fail to correct the error or evil in question, that they themselves would be dealt with and denied representation.

These adjudications in their ultimate results are eminently wise and just, and require our consideration and endorsement. The wisdom of their decisions is shown in placing all questions which involve the regularity of an individual or organization before tribunals at home, where all the facts can be readily ascertained and acted upon.

Again these adjudications are wise and just because they emphatically and finally declare that the very highest medical authority, and the very highest code in Medical Ethics will not tolerate irregularity or insubordination to legitimate authority.

These adjudications declare that there is but one

avenue by which access to social and professional intercourse with the first man of the nation in the profession can be obtained, and that is by a careful observance of the highest order of courtesy, both by individuals and by organizations and by a strict observance and a stern defense when assailed; of the long established usages, and of all the peculiar and sacred rights and privileges of the profession,

The address of the President was very strong, original and practical. This address is striking in its heartfelt annunciations of the harmony and brotherly love prevailing and increasing in the profession at large, and especially among the members of the American Medical Association.

It gratifies our hearts, when it tells of the noble part borne by members of the profession during the late civil war.

It gratifies our pride in the intellect and the scientific attainments, now numbered in the profession, when it gives the catalogue of the writings of its professional men. This address announced the accomplishment of the great and most valuable truth that this American Association had the moral power to enforce its enactments upon the important question as claiming its attention from time to time. It discloses with great force and truth all the difficulties in the way of the elevation of the standard of Professional Education, and Professional Progress.

The Committee on Ethics, to whom was referred the charges made at a former session, against the Atlanta Medical College reported that the charges made were true and fully sustained by the facts—but as the Legislature had taken the matter in hand, and repealed that feature of the charter which made the ground work of these charges, they asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and they further expressly approved the action of those gentlemen who brought this case of irregularity to the attention of the American Association.

It will however be born in mind that this action of the American Medical Association does not go any further than to relieve the College, or the Board of Trustees, from the condemnation under which it was placed, in consequence of the procurement by the Faculty, of the adoption of a certain amendment of its Charter, and the charges of irregularity practiced by the Faculty during the time said faculty conducted the College under said amendment, commencing in 1866. It affords no relief to those who received their diplomas since 1866, by authority of the amendment.

But leave, all that was done under the amendment just as was declared by a resolution by the old Board of Trustees and endorsed by the present Board, and the Georgia Medical Association irregular and unprofessional. It does not touch the existing relations or the existing issues between the Faculty of this College and the Medical Association of Georgia.

And the Faculty of the Atlanta Medical College, in the year 1858, procured an amendment to the original charter of that institution, without the consent or knowledge of its Board of Trustees, giving to the faculty the power to graduate students at any time, and under any circumstances, to vacate the chairs of the College at pleasure, without the knowledge or approbation of the Trustees, and

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